DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for a bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on Dodd Creek in Floyd County. The Dodd Creek TMDL was approved by EPA in December 2002. TMDL study reports can be found at the DEQ website http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls.

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

A public meeting on the development of the IP for Dodd Creek will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2006, from 7:00 to 9.00 p.m. in the Floyd County High School library located at 721 Baker Street SW (VA State Route 1003) in Floyd, VA. A presentation on development of the IP will be provided, and will be followed by working group meetings to address bacteria reductions from agricultural and residential lands in the Dodd Creek watershed.

The public comment period will end on March 9, 2006. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the Dodd Creek TMDL is available upon request. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Theresa Carter, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 252 W. Main Street, Suite 3, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210, telephone (276) 676-5418, Fax (276) 676-5527, or e-mail theresa.carter@dcr.virginia.gov.